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## Henry Kaiser Denounces Anti-Labor Amendment To 1,400 Indiana Chamber of Commerce Members

### "INDIANAPOLIS STAR" ADOPTS NEW PRO-UNION POLICY

#### Pulliam Decides Labor Rates Break In One Newspaper

The Indianapolis Star has adopted a policy of recognizing the importance of organized labor in Indiana.

This is something brand new in the history of journalism in the state and identifies the Star as being the first major newspaper in Indiana, so far as can be ascertained, to subordinate the will of big advertisers to the reader public.

The new policy is explained in a letter written by Eugene C. Pulliam, who recently acquired the paper, to Russell Houze, who as a union official represents 25,000 organized Teamsters in Indiana.

(Russell Houze is president of Teamsters Joint Council No. 69, comprising five locals in Marion county, and head of Teamsters Local Union No. 193, a unit of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers.)

Mr. Pulliam's letter outlines his one-man revolution against the conventional theory entertained by the Tory editors of Indiana's advertising pamphlets, who claim to perform public service but all the while direct every stick of type through the colored glass of big business, if you get what we mean.

In comparison to the powerful

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#### SHEPARD IS RE-ELECTED

##### BY CIO UNION COUNCIL

Joseph K. Shepard, a representative of the Indianapolis Newspaper Guild, has been re-elected president of the Indianapolis Industrial Union Council (CIO). He has been president four years.

Other officers re-elected Dec. 11 were: John Bennett, first vice-president; Milton Cruse, second vice-president; Joseph Jines, third vice-president; John W. Whallon, secretary; Hadley Flint, treasurer; James Moehler, Karl Baker, James Scott, James Franklin and Merrill Shiel, trustees.

The council sent a letter to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, commending him on his stand that liberated countries should choose their own form of government without outside interference, and telegraphed President Roosevelt, urging him to veto legislation to freeze social security taxes at present rate.

#### POSTAL RAISE IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON — The nation's postal workers, not having had their pay increased since 1925, may receive raises of \$400 per year each if bills pass which are now being considered in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

A letter to your Congressman will help the men who deliver your letters.



HENRY J. KAISER

#### AFL Convention Demands Pay Raises For Workers to Aid Postwar Prosperity

NEW ORLEANS—The American Federation of Labor closed its 64th annual convention here with bitter denunciation of the "Little Steel" formula and other wage-shackling policies of the administration, after passing a number of other resolutions.

Outstanding convention resolutions were:

1. Authorized President Green to lead an AFL committee to the White House to impress upon President Roosevelt the urgency of a break in the wage freeze for immediate justice to American workers and to buttress postwar purchasing power.

2. Called for new conferences to bring about a united labor movement in America by reaffiliation of CIO unions and the United Mine Workers' Union with the AFL.

3. Drafted concrete steps to boost production of vital war equipment items in which shortages now exist.

4. Strongly reaffirmed the Federation's policy against job discrimination because of race, color or creed.

5. By action of the Executive Council, refused to participate in a

so-called "World Labor Conference" called by the British Trades Union Congress because "dual" organizations and unions that are neither bona fide nor free were invited to participate.

Many other significant resolutions were adopted by the delegates calling for:

Adequate labor representation at the peace table.

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#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WANT FRED F. SCHUTZ LABOR COMMISSIONER

GARY—A movement started by the Lake County Central Labor Union to have Fred F. Schutz, former Lake County CLU president, appointed commissioner of the Indiana State Division of Labor gained momentum this week when CLU's and other labor bodies throughout the state unanimously endorsed the move.

Many industrialists have also commented favorably on the proposed appointment.

No outstanding rivals have appeared in the field. Governor-elect Ralph F. Gates has withheld comment, however.

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#### COLUMNIST SEES TOBIN AS SECRETARY OF LABOR

According to a recent article in the Indianapolis Star by Edwin A. Lahey:

"Secretary of Labor Perkins will ask to be relieved of her job, as she did in 1940. She meant it in 1940 and will mean it more next month. If the President decides to let her go, Dan Tobin, the boss of the Teamsters, seems the most likely candidate for the job."

#### West Coast Shipbuilder Praises Unions for Holding Their Own; Demands Humanity in Industry

By SCOTT ARMSTRONG

Addressing a mass meeting of Hoosier factory owners and other business men in Indianapolis, December 1, Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, declared that "organized labor has come into its own," and denounced the anti-labor law passed in the last general election by Florida and Arizona, to abolish the closed shop in those states.

Kaiser, one of the world's biggest employers of labor, pointed out that his own state, California, had rejected the same proposed constitutional amendment on November 7, which if passed, he declared, "would have set back the trade union movement by fifty years."

#### AFL Challenges Tory Amendments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Federation of Labor has taken steps to challenge the constitutionality of state constitutional amendments adopted November 7 by Florida and Arkansas banning the union shop in those states.

Joseph Padway, general counsel for the AFL, announced that several test suits have been filed charging that the amendments abrogate the freedom of contract guaranteed by the federal constitution.

The amendments to the state constitutions adopted by Florida and Arkansas at the November 7 election are the work of Senator "Pappy" O'Daniel's so-called Christian-American Association, which spent "a lot of money" to gain their passage, Mr. Padway said.

Closed shop contracts in war plants in Arkansas and Florida are entirely safe, because federal law governs them, the lawyer said. Asserting that such contracts "will not be interfered with in any way," he explained:

"The moment there is a dispute the War Labor Board will take jurisdiction and tell the states to keep hands off. However, when peace comes the situation will be serious if the states attempt to enforce the laws prohibiting closed shops."

Warning that the AFL will "not surrender," Padway said if Arkansas and Florida attempt to enforce the open shop, "our answer will be

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#### LEGION CHIEF WANTS WIDOWS' BILL SIGNED

Speaking for two million Legionnaires, Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion, has wired from Indianapolis urging President Roosevelt to sign the bill granting aid to needy widows and orphans of World War I veterans.

The bill as passed by both houses of Congress would provide up to \$74 a month for the veteran's dependents, regardless of the cause of his death.

This address was made at a meeting of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, attended by 1,400 of Indiana's leading employers, and was considered so important that officials of the State Chamber immediately ordered the speech published in full for distribution throughout the state. (Copies can be obtained from the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, Room 200, Board of Trade Bldg., Indianapolis.)

#### Among Those Present

Among big industrialists who attended the meeting and heard the statements were:

DEAN H. MITCHELL, President of the Public Service Co. of Northern Indiana, Hammond, and President of the State Chamber.

PAUL G. HOFFMAN, President of the Studebaker Corp., South Bend, and National Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.

LOUIS RUTHENBURG, President of Serval, Inc., Evansville, and Indiana chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.

LOTHAIR TERTOR, President of the Perfect Circle Co., Hagerstown and Past President of the State Chamber.

JOSEPH E. CAIN, Executive Vice-president, P. R. Mallory, and Indianapolis Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.

C. HARVEY BRADLEY, President of W. J. Holliday & Co., Indianapolis.

R. H. McMURTRIE, President of the Huntingburg Furniture Co. and Dubois County Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.

WILLIAM W. WELSH, Peru retail merchant.

#### Kaiser's Speech

In the course of his address, Mr. Kaiser touched on the sub-

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Keep Bombs  
Falling!



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## What We Voted For:

The vote of confidence given Franklin Delano Roosevelt by the working men and women of America, the election of a Democratic Senate and House, the repudiation of reactionaries, all represent an expression of the hope and faith of America in the speedy and successful conclusion of the war and of a better America after the war.

The re-election of President Roosevelt was a solemn people's mandate for fulfillment of the program and promises enunciated by him during his campaign. The President declared:

"Our postwar job will be to work and to build for a better America than we have ever known before."

A better America, to the workers of the country, to all the men and women who voted for Roosevelt and Truman means these things, among others:

- 1—Expansion of our industrial machine to provide peace-time jobs for 60,000,000 men and women.
- 2—A veterans' program that will insure security for the returned servicemen and their families.
- 3—A return to free and unrestricted collective bargaining between employees and employer.
- 4—A guarantee of economic opportunity to all peoples by the creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee.
- 5—One million new homes a year, with government aid for low-cost housing for those in the lower income brackets.
- 6—A public workers' program to improve the standards of all Americans; more TVA's and Grand Coulees and Bonnevilles; and schools and hospitals.
- 7—A farm program to protect the farmer's economic security without penalizing the consumer of farm products.
- 8—A world organization to write the peace terms so that the common people of the world, in all countries, may be the beneficiaries of the defeat of Fascism.
- 9—An organization empowered to keep the peace.
- 10—Fulfillment of the promises of the Four Freedoms for all peoples.

These are the things America voted for when it voted for President Roosevelt. They constitute the people's mandate to the men elected to office.—*United Automobile Worker.*

## Workers Want Unions

A lot of people, after reading Westbrook Pegler, the NAM's stuck whistle, come to the conclusion that the great majority of union members in America are chained slaves and dupes of the organizations they compose.

Now a publisher of employer magazines has come forward with results of a survey which show that workers think unions are a good thing. The survey, conducted by McGraw-Hill Publications, disproves the statements of Mr. Pegler and the many other labor-baiting daily newspaper columnists.

Here is what was found in interviews with a "representative cross-section" of workers:

"The typical manufacturing worker is strongly pro-union.

"In seven cases out of ten he is a union member.

"He believes firmly that the worker's best chance of making a good living lies in joining a union. And he credits the unions with gains in wages, working conditions and job protection."

One question asked by the pollsters was: "Which way do you think the workingman has the best chance of making a good living—by joining a union or by trying to go ahead on his own?"

"It is not at all surprising," *Factory Management and Maintenance*, one of the McGraw-Hill magazines, says, "that 88 per cent of union members think their best chance of making a living lies in joining a union, but it is astonishing to discover that four out of ten non-union workers feel exactly the same way."

More than 92 per cent of union workers and 82 per cent of non-union workers believe that national union leaders are winning real benefits for labor, which spikes the charges of anti-labor propagandists that union members are being "cheated" by their leaders.

Workers need and want unions. The results of this significant bit of research bear out what ought to be plain to everyone—that a union is the servant and product of its members. If workers did not want unions, obviously there would be none.—*The Ohio Teamster.*

## R. G. Miller, Former Business Agent, Is Spoiling for Fight With Japs

With his collar bone broken, Aerial Gunner Robert G. Miller has been hospitalized at a base in the Pacific, but recent news from him says he will be able to fly again "in two weeks."

Miller, ranking as aviation machinist mate, 2d class, was business agent of Teamsters Local No. 135, over grocery drivers, before the local was reorganized. About two years ago—February 5, 1943—he joined the U. S. Navy, and since that time has seen considerable service. Details are yet to become known at this end, however, as to how he was wounded or where he was flying at the time.

Good news of his advancing recovery came in a letter received December 11 by his wife, Mrs. Sally Miller, 729 Colorado Ave., who gives his address as:



ROBERT G. MILLER

Robert G. Miller, A. M. M. V.T.—9 Care Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Miller's brother, Lew K. Miller, who is also a Teamster and member of Local No. 135, is recovering from a shot in the back near the spine. He is still in a hospital in New Guinea, as previously reported in this newspaper, and although unable to walk yet is reported to be convalescing. Those wishing to write him should address: Pfc. Lew K. Miller, 6661316; 364 Station Hospital, Unit 1; APO 322, Ward 14; Care Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

## Kaiser Denounces Anti-Labor Act

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ject of love of country and obligations in wartime, saying:

"What can industry give? The promise that we will plan boldly with productive employment our major concern. The wholehearted pledge of providing jobs is one way of demonstrating our love of country."

"What can labor give? The promise that it will use all of its powers and its new prestige to work out a plan which will do away with strikes and abandon all policies which unnecessarily restrict production. Only by producing more can we have more to divide."

"Labor can help to remove the fear that its regulations will increase costs and thereby curtail employment opportunities. From a long and valued experience of mutual understanding and respect I can testify that labor will recognize its vital and equal responsibility in reducing costs to the end that prices can be lowered. In forthright cost-consciousness we can give to the upbuilding of the widest possible market."

### Greatest Boom in History

Other excerpts from the address are as follows:

"In terms of industrial production, employment and pay rolls, the United States is having the greatest boom in its history. When the statistics are compiled, the national income for 1943 may be nearly twice that of the highest pre-war year."

"It is a tragic circumstance that war deals in destruction, yet brings about full production. There is greater tragedy in the fact that millions of wage earners would be thrown out of work by the sudden cessation of hostilities."

"A few short weeks ago we took time to demonstrate to the world that democracy is a living thing. Forty-seven million Americans, four-fifths of all qualified voters, registered and went to the polls. No one thing in all our war effort so impressed itself upon the morale of our enemies."

"Today another election is in order. The members of both parties must elect to save the nation in what may well be one of the greatest ordeals in its history."

"No political party, no industry, no labor organization can survive if it does not fulfill its obligations to know, to respect, and to serve the needs of the New Age of which it is a part."

"One word, or perhaps two, characterize these new demands which the people are making of all their leaders today—HUMAN UNDERSTANDING and COOPERATION. Plain, old-fashioned words, yet so little comprehended and so seldom

applied that governments, political institutions, even nations themselves, have fallen because they neglected to put them into practice. The entire history of wilful neglect was written into the lines:

"Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands  
mourn."

"What is human understanding? What are these 'needs' which cannot be ignored?"

"Volumes have been written about labor relations. Hundreds have qualified as experts in this field. Scores of laws have been passed defining the rights and obligations of labor and management. Yet labor relations are no more than human relations."

### Common Man Wants Break

"Man wants to be treated like a human being. He is jealous of his dignity and self-respect. He resents being either exploited or neglected. He wants to be heard on issues that affect his well-being. He wants to earn his way and to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He wants some say as to the conditions and terms under which he must live and work, but he must recognize that there are fundamentals to survival. Labor relations are human relations."

"In the new world that is emerging from the war there will be no place for special privilege. Monopoly, bureaucracy, protection, subsidy, and all forms of 'influence' will be under continuous attack. Men want to compete on equal terms. Where men work under the stimulation of the creative impulse they ask no favors and resent all forms of bribery and pressure. Here again are human relations expressed in the sense of justice and fair play."

### Labor's Victory

"Organized labor has come into its own. It now enjoys its greatest influence and power. By these very tokens it has vastly increased responsibilities, first to its own membership and then to national welfare. Labor leaders recognize this."

"Perhaps the most vivid illustration of the growing cooperation between organized labor and management was the overwhelming defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment in my own state on November 7. Industrial, political and civic leaders joined with labor in opposing this act, which would have set back the trade union movement by fifty years."

"If every responsible element in production today—government, labor and management—would take just one action NOW on a postwar program, the whole economy would move forward on every front. Please note that I said 'program' and not 'plan.' We have planned

## TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE R. CAMPBELL

Members employed at Sears, Roebuck & Co. warehouse were granted a wage increase through the National War Labor Board on November 16. This case had been pending and was appreciated by the members. Drivers for the firm as well as helpers who are employed by Drummey Cartage also have got an application submitted through our local to the board and we hope to hear from this in the near future.

Coal drivers and helpers, members of our local, were granted an increase to \$1.00 per hour for drivers and 90 cents per hour for helpers on September 12 by the National War Labor Board. This was retroactive to June 24 and was much appreciated, as this is hard work and the men had it coming.

Your correspondent recently received two letters from former employees of Local No. 364. One was from Earl Ketter, now a major some place in Italy, and the other from Corporal William Locke, former trustee of our local. They both appear to be in excellent spirits, but then they are both that type of men. I'll guarantee that any Nazi or Nip that they meet up with will have a hard row to hoe.

President Biggs and Robert Summers, secretary and treasurer of Local No. 298, Michigan City and LaPorte, have had several conferences with Standard Oil officials relative to a contract for highway drivers out of Michigan City who voted for Teamsters to represent them in a Labor Board election some time ago.

Meetings have been held between a committee of drivers and operators of some lumber and building supply yards relative to a wage increase. At the last meeting a fair increase was agreed to by both the operators and the committee, and it is now in the process of being filed before the National War Labor Board.

Agent William Hansen states he has an application pending before the board for the wholesale grocery and paper house employees.

Agent Mike Granat also says he has an application before the board relative to an increase and some other conditions for laundry drivers.

Your correspondent had a recent letter from Harry Hill, now in the service, who used to drive a truck for River Park Lumber. He says he wishes he could be driving it again, but that he has some unfinished business yet to do.

## SHIPYARD LABOR LOAFING?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Delivery in October of 145 ships, 53 for military use, is the answer of shipbuilding workers to pleas of Naval and Maritime officials for more rapid production of assault vessels, the United States Maritime Commission announced.

## LABOR PRESS IMPORTANT TO 15 MILLION READERS

NEW YORK—The American labor press has far-reaching influence, according to Martin Dodge, publisher of D-M DIGEST, fortnightly review of the hundreds of labor papers published throughout the United States. The fact that upwards of 15 million people read labor papers is conspicuous evidence that the labor press is now an important segment of American journalism.

This importance is highlighted by the outcome of the presidential election in which more than 90 per cent of the labor press favored the winning candidate against two-thirds of the daily press that backed the loser.

enough. Let's do something about employment.

"There is no far-off place where we should make a beginning. We dare not look North, South, East or West for the action which leads to peace on the home front. The time is now and the place is here."



## LAFAYETTE NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

Don't forget our regular meeting Monday, December 18, 1944, at 7:30 p. m., at the Teamsters' office, 103 North Sixth St., Lafayette. Also at Frankfort, Saturday, December 30, at 7:30 p. m., at the Labor Temple.

The retroactive date of our City Freight and Furniture contract has finally been settled by a visit of Commissioner Ingles.

The union and the Sunshine Farms have agreed on an increase for the boys there, with retroactive date of April 1, 1944, subject to WLB approval.

Christmas is but a few days off; the vacation will soon start; there will be many school children out; the roads and streets may be covered with ice or snow, so watch your driving more carefully than ever.

Can you imagine a depression in these days? The members of this office suffered through a short acute case just lately. Don't worry, though; it is over now.

## GOSSIP-ON-A-SPREE!! FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

The next regular meeting of Local No. 193 will be held at 8 p. m., January 12, at the union hall, 28 West North Street.

We are more than pleased to announce that the F. R. Perkins men engaged in the delivery of furniture have been paid all of their back pay.

Columbia Terminals Co., Inc., has agreed to have its back pay figured up before Santa arrives. This has been another long-drawn-out affair.

We are sorry to report that Brother E. G. "Cy" Shumar, former Aero Mayflower driver, was wounded in action in Germany. We know better than anyone else that "Cy" was trying to get that PAPER HANGER.

The contract committee members of Aero Mayflower drivers are due here December 18 to start negotiations on their new contract. The committee as selected by the drivers this year includes John Moss, Chester Neal and Clayton Sparks.

Charlie Eskew, shop steward at Mayflower, is sporting a hem-stitched finger, he says, from a broken beer bottle. Could he be making his own home brew again?

Brother Russell Houze, myself, our office secretary and the executive board of Local No. 193 would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fellow members and their families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Also, we are wishing and doing all in our power to get all the service people back home, with Godspeed and a lasting peace.

Remember, Teamsters! Keep writing, keep buying bonds, and keep giving that blood that keeps them fighting, flying and living.

Shop stewards' meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, January 5, in the union hall, 28 West North Street. It is imperative that all stewards attend these meetings, as many problems are discussed and settled in them.

### \$25 BONUSES O.K.

The War Labor Board has announced that it will permit employers to pay Christmas bonuses up to \$25, without board approval, according to Labor's Confidential Analyst, published in New York.

Christmas bonuses in excess of \$25 may also be given, provided a like amount was customary in the past, or if the payment is in accord with an established plan.

## What a Family—These Fighting Grenats!



FRANK E.

CECIL W.

IVAN C.

MABEL J.

HAROLD M.

ROBERT

Teamsters' Local Union No. 543, of Lafayette, is mighty proud of the Grenat family, and well it can be. Two of the six now in the armed services, that is Ivan and Frank, are members of the union, on withdrawal cards for the duration. Their father, Joseph D. Grenat, was a member until his retirement recently, and their brother, Albert, is a good Teamster and drives for Russell Davis there in the home town of Lafayette.

Of the six Grenats in fighting clothes, all are doing well, according to latest word received by S. W. Helton, secretary-treasurer of the union, and we hope it stays that way.

Telling about them, left to right, in the lineup: Frank E., 32, seaman 1/c, is a gunner on a ship in the Atlantic fleet. His wife and children live in Lafayette. Cpl. Cecil W., 30, has been in England and France for 16 months, serving with the U. S. Army Engineers. Ivan C., 31, bkr., 2/c, USNR, is serving with the Seabees in Hawaii. Ensign Mabel J., who enlisted in the U. S. Navy Nurses' Corps in November, 1943, is stationed at the Navy Hospital, Norman, Okla. Harold M., 22, petty officer 2/c, USNR, is now in England after having served on a ship in the Atlantic Fleet. Pfc. Robert, 19, USMC, is in the southwest Pacific.

## "Star" Adopts New Labor Policy.

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voice of the Indianapolis Star we of the Indiana Teamster admit a feeble refrain. Yet we herewith reprint the letter, and purpose to send it to the Tory editors, marked and respectfully called to their attention. Mr. McCarthy of the Indianapolis News won't like it, but here it is:

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR  
EUGENE C. PULLIAM  
Editor and Publisher  
November 20, 1944.

Mr. Russell Houze,  
President, Teamsters' Joint Council No. 69,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My Dear Mr. Houze:

The first thing I did after acquiring *The Indianapolis Star* was to advise the editorial staff that the *Star* would be an independent, liberal newspaper, and the next thing I did was to make it perfectly clear to the staff that from now on the *Star* would be friendly to organized labor. My work as State Chairman of the War Bond campaign in Indiana has brought me in close personal touch with the leaders of organized labor, and I am convinced that the cause of labor in Indiana has not received an even break in the newspapers.

The primary purpose of this letter is to advise you that the *Star* is going to do something about giving labor a break. We have appointed Joseph Shepard, whom I think you know personally, as the Labor Editor of the *Star*, and it will be Joe's job to see to it that labor news of all kinds gets an even break in the *Star* along with news about farmers, business men, bankers, churches, and what have you.

In this connection, Joe is in Chicago this week covering, personally for the *Star*, the national convention of the CIO. Also, Joe has made arrangements to give us direct, special coverage on the A. F. of L. convention which meets at the same time in New Orleans. This is indicative of how the *Star* expects to handle labor news from now on, and I simply wanted you to know about it because Joe Shepard will be needing your co-operation in keeping him advised about labor matters which are making news, and I want you to feel perfectly free to call or write or phone Joe any time when you have a news story which you think would be of interest to members of labor unions anywhere in this state.

I am deeply grateful for the many, many letters which I received from heads of organized labor, thanking the *Star* for its fairness and independent attitude in the coverage of news during the election campaign. The *Star* may not always agree with the stand taken by the leaders of labor on certain questions, but you can depend on the *Star* being fair and giving impartial reports on the news in our news columns. I am quite sure organized labor does not have a better friend in the state than I am, and I want to be even a better friend of labor as I become better acquainted with you men who are leading the movement in this state.

Assuring you of my personal appreciation for any assistance you can give Joe Shepard in his new work as Labor Editor of the *Star*, I am, with all good wishes,

Sincerely,  
(Signed) EUGENE PULLIAM.

## AFL Challenges Labor Haters

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that the printers will not print, the bricklayers will not lay bricks, and members of the other trades will lay down their tools rather than work with scabs.

Anti-union laws, which have been passed in some form by 12 states, generally take the form of requiring registration of unions, their officials and organizers; detailed and public financial reports; control by the state of internal affairs of the unions, sometimes including the fixing of dues and restrictions against picketing and strikes, some requiring that strikes may occur only on majority vote of all employees of an employer, even though he may have many different plants, Fadway explained.

A suit testing Alabama's anti-union law is now pending before the United States Supreme Court, as is the appeal from the conviction of R. J. Thomas, CIO Automobile Workers' president, for violation of the Texas law forbidding solicitation of members without a license, the lawyer said. He mentioned as other states whose laws are being opposed by the AFL, Colorado—"the most vicious law of all"—Florida, South Dakota, Idaho and Arkansas.

## NAM SAYS VET GETS JOB BACK

WASHINGTON—A returning veteran is entitled to his old job, even if he displaces a man of greater ability or more seniority, the legal department of the National Association of Manufacturers holds.

"It seems relatively clear," the NAM legal department announced, "that an employer is given the choice of restoring a veteran to the position he left or of giving him another which is substantially equivalent, but he is given no choice as to whether the veteran shall be restored to his job. . . . It is of no consequence under the law that the position is held by a person of greater abilities or more experience than the veteran or by a person having greater seniority than the veteran."

### FOR UNEMPLOYED VETS

Discharged war veterans who find themselves without employment should apply to the nearest U. S. employment office and follow this registration with a claim for unemployment benefits of \$20 per week for as long as 52 weeks, as provided in a recent act of Congress.

## NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL NO. 369

By D. E. MAHONEY

The regular meeting of Local No. 369 was held Sunday, December 10, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Labor Temple, Anderson.

### ATTENTION, ALL TRUCK DRIVERS BEWARE OF TELEPHONE BOOTH

Brother Orville Holloway, of the Fairmount Trucking Co., is still on the sick list with a bad leg received when he fell through a telephone booth in Chicago.

John Witherspoon is back home again with the Hayes Freight Lines in Marion.

The War Labor Board has approved our Heavy Hauling agreement with the Delaware Trucking Co., retroactive to July 1, 1944. All back pay has been paid.

The Cleaners' and Dyers' agreement of the French Steam Dye Works has been approved by the WLB after pending for eleven months.

Brother Willis Thomas, formerly of the Commercial Motor Freight, has been appointed the new business representative in the Marion territory, succeeding Tom Aylsworth.

Brother Grady Teuton is now on the organizing staff in charge of milk wagon drivers and bakery drivers.

### THE WAR GOES ON

The Sixth War Loan campaign ends December 15, but the war continues. Even if the cease firing order were given on all the world's battlefields, your war financing obligations would be with you for a long time to come.

On this point, here's a quotation from a recent talk of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr.:

"Let me remind you, too, that war expenditures do not stop abruptly with enemy capitulation. During the first six months following the Armistice in World War I, expenditures were slightly greater than during the six months preceding the Armistice. Completed and partially completed products must be paid for. Enemy countries must be occupied. Some relief for Allied Nations will certainly be necessary. The armed forces must be brought home and demobilized, and in the meantime they must be paid and clothed and fed. I am sure that no American will want to fail in these responsibilities. They are costs that must be met if we are to make our victory complete and real."

Keep buying War Bonds. That's the least you can do to match in some measure the sacrifices being made on the battlefields for you. THE EDITOR.

## EAST CHICAGO LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

LOCAL NO. 520 MEETS AT 8:00 P. M. ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4618 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD, EAST CHICAGO, IND.

Walter Kubitz, president of Local Union No. 520, was married the other day. So the boys are patiently waiting for them their cigars.

George Spolarich, of Calumet Teaming Co., told the income tax they could not force him to pay. So now George is not going to receive any wages for six weeks. Better luck next time, Spinach!

Ed. Pomplun, of Calumet Teaming Co., has done the impossible. He has not been late for work for three days in succession. A record for Ed. Swede Larson is going to hand him a prize.

After waiting three months, Mike Joseph finally made some biscuits. They were so good.

Kalman Borsits, of McKeown Transportation, missed the party, and after starving himself for three days so that he really could eat. He claims that his wife didn't wake him up. Too bad!

Frank Potesak, of Crane Co., is wearing a smile from ear to ear since his man Gates won. Well, Frank, don't forget you will have to start campaigning for yourself. The first meeting in December is nomination night.

Papa Justak, of Justak Trucking Co., and Dale Flickinger, of Flickinger Motor Express, bought new trucks. So it looks like we will have some work this winter.

Sorry to hear that Matt Johnson lost his nephew. Matt is one of our new members employed at Foster Wheeler Corp.

The rabbits around Westville had the time of their lives the other day when Charles Hale, of Lake Cities, was hunting. He said he didn't mind it when he used up two boxes of shells without hitting anything, but what got him sore was the rabbits chased his dogs home.

I hear that FDR is going to hold the inauguration on the other side of the White House, just to break the monotony.

The officers and members of Local Union No. 520 wish the officers and members of our brother locals a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So that every member of the armed forces over there can enjoy Christmas at home in 1945—

BUY THAT EXTRA WAR BOND TODAY.

### TEAMSTERS HELP BOYS.

EVANSVILLE—Several substantial contributions to assist in the work of Father Flanagan's nationally known institution at Boys' Town, Neb., were reported this week.

Among them were \$500 from the Evansville Central Labor Union; Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Local No. 215, \$100, and Painters' Local No. 156, \$50.

## UNFAIR

The York Transfer &  
Storage Co. Is Still  
Unfair to Teamsters'  
Local Union No. 193

DO NOT  
PATRONIZE



# AFL Convention Demands Raises for All Workers

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Labor participation in Department of Labor preparation of the cost-of-living index.

Enactment of a federal anti-lynching law.

Repeal of the provision of the tax laws requiring unions to make financial reports to the government.

Repeal of the vicious Smith-Connally Act.

Freedom of speech on the air.

Federal legislation abolishing poll taxes.

Exemption of all annuities from income taxes.

Salary increases for postal employees and other government workers.

Time and one-half pay for overtime work by all federal workers. Also, payment of prevailing wages on all housing insured by the FHA.

Denial of federal funds to municipalities which require teachers to sign "yellow dog" contracts.

More intensive organization of women workers and greater efforts to obtain "equal pay for equal work."

Support of the railroad brotherhoods on legislation to liberalize the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts.

## We Want News Of All Members In the Services

More than 5,000 members of Indiana Teamsters' Unions are in military service. We do not know who all of them are.

We want that information from the secretary of every local union in the state, in order that the men who are fighting the war from this union may be given proper recognition for the part they played in the greatest struggle of all time.

For some time there has been a campaign by labor enemies to make the public believe that the members of organized labor have failed to take their share of the wartime burden. Some have gone so far as to allege that labor has actually hindered the progress of the war.

There is only one way to answer such allegations and that is with proof, according to *The International Teamster*.

We must henceforth be prepared to refute such falsehoods with fact. Therefore, we want the name of every man who entered the armed services from every local of the Teamsters' Union.

We ask every secretary to begin at once to go over his records and list the name of every man from his union who entered the armed services.

When the list is completed, send it to *The Indiana Teamster* and keep the list up to date with the names of men who enter the services after the date that your first list is completed.

And in addition, please keep this newspaper supplied with the names of men from your local who are killed, wounded, captured or decorated in combat.

We are printing regular reports of our battle casualties and we want that information regularly, in addition to a complete record of every Teamster who went into the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Seabees.

## STEVENS ELECTED LABOR UNION HEAD

Amos Stevens of the Carpenters' Union No. 60 was elected president of the Central Labor Union of Indianapolis Dec. 11.

Other officers elected at the meeting in Meridian Life Building were James Leach, vice-president; D. R. Barnecko, recording secretary; Clyde McCormack, secretary-treasurer; George Gaughan, statistician; Charles Harshbarger, sergeant-at-arms; and Vernie Miller, organizer. Trustees elected are Arthur Huhn, Bert Persell and Robert Jackson.

Delegates to the convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor next September will be Mr. Stevens, Mr. McCormack and Cecilia Haley.

## Anderson Taxi Drivers Locked Out



Here are some of the 24 taxicab drivers who were locked out by the United Cab Co. of Anderson when they asked for suitable working conditions. Following the lockout, D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Local No. 369, of which the drivers are members, carried on negotiations with the company and the men were returned to work temporarily on recommendation of a federal conciliator. The company, however, has refused to grant union demands and the drivers are therefore now on strike. Company demands that they pay \$7 per day of 12 hours, and an equal amount at night, pay for their own gas and oil and all repairs, including new tires. Drivers want the company to share cost of repairs, seniority rights and other union conditions.



By Al Lindahl

- Nov. 5—A little more time to lie in bed and think of Tuesday.
- Nov. 6—Ever hear Charlie Haney voice his opinion on the merits of a guy who is to be beat?
- Nov. 7—Mr. C. A. Budd just bet Chet LaPierre and there is no question who will win.
- Nov. 8—Oh, what a beautiful morning!
- Nov. 9—Well, we are all set for another four years and may they be as good as the last 12.
- Nov. 10—Why did Betty's husband call Joe Harringer out of Schaffers?
- Nov. 11—A slight pause in the work for the ones who are over there forever and the ones who are fighting to come home.
- Nov. 12—Something new has been added—Sam Williams' new doghouse. You won't have to worry about getting home now, Sam.
- Nov. 13—Hey Zeke, how do you like your morning mail?
- Nov. 14—Since Dixie is on the old line he shaves every day.
- Nov. 15—If Virgil Nelson would put on his lights these deputy sheriffs could see him thus avoid a run-in and a lot of razzing. Did you ever see Helen Smet or Mary Dobbeleare without a smile?
- Nov. 16—The unholy three are together again in the wash-house.
- Nov. 17—Florence Hamilton and her sore throat are among the missing.
- Nov. 18—A good crowd in the Rathskellar and again I can't win a football pool.
- Nov. 19—I wonder how Howard Whiteman feels this morning?
- Nov. 20—Why does Mike Granat change cars so often? I know.
- Nov. 21—Bobbie Singleton is at Fort Riley, Kansas, and enjoying the "Life of Riley."
- Nov. 22—Everyone must be going to wash down that turkey with beer.
- Nov. 23—A swell Thanksgiving.
- Nov. 24—Will Carl Theede be King again?
- Nov. 25—I am glad that Stu Murphy didn't take me up on that bet—N. D. 21—Georgia Tech 0.
- Nov. 26—We might have got some pins yesterday if Joe Farkas could have stood up for the last game. Signed by Ernie, Steve, Joe and Al.
- Nov. 27—Eddie Rzepka would like to have double O in a pool, but that can't be as he might win \$10.00.
- Nov. 28—Since Pearl Eby rides with four gentlemen she gets to work on time.
- Nov. 29—Watch out Alva Helmick! Someone might tap you for that dough. (The closest he can come to winning is carrying the gelt.)
- Nov. 30—Have you done your bit in the Sixth War Loan Drive? If not, why not?
- Dec. 1—Hi-yah Santa Claus, remember me?
- Dec. 2—Watch out Marie (Alice) Bash, with all the luck you have. What do you have to do, Charlie Bedoe, to win, play dumb?
- Dec. 3—Should have bowled but still a little shaky from that close one last night. Don't ask Jimmy Hubbard or Joe Takacs.
- Dec. 4—If you think Charlie Armstrong didn't hurry home after a new pair of pants you're wrong.

A mighty good Christmas present for all is a War Bond and Stamps and a pack of cigarettes is O.K., too. So a Merry Christmas and a stronger union New Year.

## TOBIN SUSPENDS 12 DRIVERS IN OUTLAW TAXICAB STRIKE

SEATTLE, Wash.—Twelve members of Taxicab Drivers' Union, Local No. 465, have been suspended by Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the Teamsters' International Union, for allegedly participating in an illegal strike here on Nov. 21 and 22.

Pending trial before a board of Teamster Union officials, each of

## ISFL GROUP TO MEET

Legislative matters endorsed by the recent convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor will be discussed at the biennial legislative conference to be held in Indianapolis, December 16 and 17, at the Claypool Hotel.

the drivers is accused of seven violations of union regulations.

Notices of suspension of the men have been served on their employers and notices have been posted in taxicab garages and at the Teamster Building.

## IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

Robert Jackson, Sr., from Armour Creameries in Rochester, Chas. Jarvis, driver for John Dake, and Geo. Steele, Monon, are in service. Francis Henry is also scheduled for his examination. These are all good boys and we know the U.S. service has gained, although we have lost.

The Simmons Wholesale Grocery contract has been approved by the War Labor Board, in which these men received an increase, but the retroactive pay has been paid to October 24. The Shell American contract, covering city drivers, rural drivers and bulk plant employees, has also been O.K'd by the War Labor Board, with a nice increase for the boys, and also retroactive pay dating back to May 14. City Carriage contract is back before the Trucking Committee, in Washington, D. C., on which we hope to have some kind of settlement before very long.

We are about to complete our negotiation with General Tire, and hope to have this case ready to refer to the War Labor Board in the near future. Lantz is keeping pretty busy getting the Victory Ordnance straightened out and we recently were awarded a War Labor Board decision on that case.

Local Union No. 759 held a nice party at the Labor Temple in Kokomo, December 2, for all of its members, and the writer will say that all the boys really enjoyed themselves. Joe Specie and the boys from Logansport probably had some headaches and we know that they at least had full stomachs. There were boys from all the territory which we cover at the party, and it was a regular good time get-together. We are glad to report Byron Zimmerman, of the Armour Creameries, who was operated on, is back to work again. Local No. 759 greets to its staff Olive Leighty, who has replaced, Mary Hartzell in our office.

**BUY WAR BONDS AND HOLD THEM.**

## Teamster Leaders Plan Headquarters For Scrutiny of 1945 Legislature

The Indiana State Drivers Council voted at its regular December meeting to open a headquarters late in January for its Legislative Committee, in a hotel conveniently near the State House.

The committee, headed by Steven Toth of East Chicago, will scrutinize all bills coming before the 1945 General Assembly which affect organized labor and will endeavor to promote favorable legislation.

Number one on the list of legislative enactments demanded by the Hoosier Teamster leaders is a law requiring the State Highway Department of Indiana to pay prevailing wages to its employees.

Number two is a liberalization of social security laws, requiring the state to pay benefits compatible with taxes collected for that purpose. It was stated at the meeting that old-age pension payments, particularly to widows was "disgracefully inadequate," but that a more glaring inconsistency was the present Workmen's Compensation Act.

Under the present law all injured workmen receive the same relative compensation regardless of the amount assessed against their employers. For instance, the employer who pays union wages is required to pay into the compensation fund twice as much as the employer of scab labor. Yet the former's worker when injured receives no more compensation than the non-union laborer who has been employed at half-pay.

## Teamster in Gloves

Roland Hopp, a member of Teamsters' Local Union 135, who has gone in for fighting in a big way and is now leading contender for the middleweight championship of Indiana, has won 12 out of 16 bouts since last March.



His latest victory was achieved December 11 at the Marigold Gardens in Chicago, when he beat Mike Sopko in six. He won despite a game right hand, which he received while fighting Jim Crow from Camp Atterbury in the Open Air Arena in Indianapolis on July 3.

Hopp is employed by the McKeown Transportation Co. of Chicago, stationed at the Linde Air Products Co. in Indianapolis, and thinks Mr. Joe McKeown is pretty swell to let him have time off to carry on in the ring.

According to a decision by the State Athletic Commission, Hopp will box Arnold Deer, also an Indianapolis man, for the state title.

Both Tom Leeper, Hopp's manager, and Jess McClain, business agent of Hopp's union, claim he is a winner.

## SPENDING SPREE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of Commerce revealed that Americans this year will spend \$67,000,000,000 in retail stores, or an average of \$519 for every man, woman and child. That is an all-time high figure.

## LABOR WANTS SCHUTZ NAMED COMMISSIONER

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Endorsement of the Lake County CLU represents 55,000 AFL members, all of whom know that Schutz, Gary GOP leader, has long been a strong labor representative in Republican ranks.

According to Gale Murrin, CLU spokesman, "Schutz can do labor much good in the state capital."

Schutz was elected chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee in 1938 and re-elected in 1940.

Endorsed by Toth

High praise of Schutz also was expressed by Steven Toth, head of Teamsters Local Union No. 520 of East Chicago, who pointed out that his choice for the new Labor Commissioner—Fred F. Schutz—had joined the Milk Wagon Drivers Union in 1922 and had been its business representative since 1927.

Schutz was elected president of the Lake County Central Labor Union in 1931, was re-elected in '33, and served in that capacity until February, 1944. He was active in '33 and '34 on behalf of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of America in their efforts to organize the steel industry.

He wrote the labor plank in the 1936 Republican state platform, the only political platform of any party which guaranteed to labor, including municipal, county and state employees, the right to organize and bargain collectively.